



SITTING AT THE TABLE WITH JESUS



Lunch at the Joshua Center, Lezhe, Albania. VMMissions photo

VMMissions will use its share of the My Coins Count money to help mission workers invite more people to the table.

No matter who you are or where you're from, you have something in common with people all over

the world—you have to eat! Sharing food with others is something we do beyond just making sure they have enough to eat. It's also a way to share something of ourselves—eating a meal together can make even strangers feel more like friends.

As VMMissions workers eat with their neighbors, they learn to know and care for the people they eat with. They share their lives with others and hear what people need and long for.

In Italy, the Shawn and Laura Green family shares food with neighbors through a food pantry.

In Albania, Norma Teles provides food for the Roma children she teaches, so they can focus on learning.

In Germany, David and Rebekka Stutzman gather with their neighbors at the community center 'The Villa' and share food and coffee, while children and youth play games and work in the community garden together.

As workers share food with their neighbors, and as their friendships grow, they can also share about God's love for everyone. That sounds a lot like what Jesus did when he ate with people!



FOOD FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT HOME



Fishing in Cambodia. MCC photo

MCC will use the My Coins Count money to buy food to share with families who don't have the food they need to stay healthy. That might be because of fighting or because of a disaster like a flood or drought.

Often families receive things like cooking oil, rice, beans, flour and salt. Sometimes, families, also get canned meat that MCC workers and volunteers prepare. The food is the kind that lasts a long time without needing to stay cold.

In South Sudan, ongoing conflict and intense flooding have made it so that many families can't stay at their homes. They sometimes move into camps for displaced people. Food can be hard to come by in the camps. People often make do with whatever they can find, even if it means eating water lilies they find growing in flooded areas. To make sure families can enjoy tastier, more filling meals, an MCC partner in South Sudan is sharing monthly food packages with families who have had to leave their homes.

By helping people feed their families, we're showing that we love God by following Jesus' teaching to give food to people who are hungry. Sharing in this way makes a huge difference to hungry kids and makes our world a better place. Thanks for your help with this!

For videos and ideas on how your congregation can join the fun of giving, visit mcc.org/get-involved/my-coins-count





Bring coin containers to the
Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale
at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds

October 3-4, 2025

Learn more about **My Coins Count**:
vmmissions.org/my-coins-count

Learn more about the Relief Sale:
vareliefsale.com

What is My Coins Count?

My Coins Count is a fun way to raise money for projects of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and Virginia Mennonite Missions (VMMissions). Funds raised are shared evenly between VMMissions and MCC.

Collect coins in a labeled bucket (provided by Park View Federal Credit Union) in your church, school, home or business. After the relief sale, plan to keep your bucket for next year. Consider collecting for *My Coins Count* throughout the year!

Bring the containers to the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale on Friday evening or **no later than 9 a.m.** on October 4 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds near Harrisonburg. The coins are sorted by volunteers and counted in machines from Park View Federal Credit Union, whose staff calculate the total value of each congregation's coins.
Currency and checks are also welcome.

Checks should be made payable to "Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale," designated for *My Coins Count*. Put checks in your congregation's jug or bring them by 9 a.m. to the *My Coins Count* area.

What are this year's projects?

See the back of this sheet for an explanation of the 2025 projects of Virginia Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Central Committee.

How can we promote it?

Here are just a few ideas:

- **Fill a children's wagon full of mugs** and have kids take mugs through the pews to collect for My Coins Count during the morning offering.
- **Designate *My Coins Count* as the offering project** for Sunday school classes or Vacation Bible School.
- **Have a special church fundraiser** for *My Coins Count*.
- **Highlight *My Coins Count* during your Sunday morning worship service.** This could be every Sunday or just once a month.
- **Have children fill a small container with coins at home**, then give them a reward for each full container of coins they bring to church.
- **Match the amount of your church's contribution!** Match \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or the whole amount your congregation raises. Make it a contest!